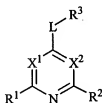


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (Currently amended): A compound of Formula I:



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ~~or an isomer~~, in which:

X¹ and X² are independently selected from the group consisting of -N= and -CR⁴=, wherein R⁴ is hydrogen or C₁₋₄alkyl;

L is selected from the group consisting of a bond, -O- and -NR⁵-, wherein R⁵ is hydrogen or C₁₋₄alkyl;

R² is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, amino, C₁₋₄alkyl, halo-substituted C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy and halo-substituted C₁₋₄alkoxy; and

R³ is selected from the group consisting of:

(i) C₃₋₈heterocycloalkyl-C₀₋₄alkyl selected from the group consisting of morpholino, morpholino-methyl, morpholino-ethyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, 4-oxo-piperidin-1-yl and 1,4-dioxo-8-aza-spiro[4.5]dec-8-yl, (ii) C₅₋₁₀heteroaryl-C₀₋₄alkyl and (iii) C₆₋₁₀aryl-C₀₋₄alkyl, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 radicals selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, halo and amino; and the heteroaryl or heterocycloalkyl is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 radicals independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxy-C₁₋₆alkyl, phenyl, C₃₋₈heterocycloalkyl, -X³C(O)NR⁸R⁸, -X³C(O)NR⁸R⁹, -X³C(O)R⁹, -X³S(O)NR⁸R⁸, -X³NR⁸R⁹, -X³NR⁸R⁸, -X³S(O)₂NR⁸R⁸, -X³S(O)₂R⁸, -X³S(O)₂R⁹, -X³SNR⁸R⁸, -X³ONR⁸R⁸, -X³C(O)R⁸, -X³NR⁸C(O)R⁸,

$-X^3NR^8S(O)_2R^8$, $-X^3S(O)_2NR^8R^9$, $X^3NR^8S(O)_2R^9$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)R^9$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)NR^8R^9$,
 $-X^3NR^8C(O)NR^8R^8$, $-X^3C(O)OR^8$, $=NOR^8$, $-X^3NR^8OR^8$, $-X^3NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}NR^8R^8$,
 $-X^3C(O)NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}NR^8R^8$, $-X^3C(O)NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}R^9$, $-X^3C(O)NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}OR^9$,
 $-X^3O(CH_2)_{1-4}NR^8R^8$, $-X^3C(O)NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}OR^8$ and $X^3NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}R^9$; and:

the aryl portion of $C_{6-10}aryl-C_{0-4}alkyl$ is substituted with 1 to 3 radicals independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxy- $C_{1-6}alkyl$, phenyl, $C_{3-8}heterocycloalkyl$, $-X^3C(O)NR^8R^8$, $-X^3C(O)NR^8R^9$, $-X^3C(O)R^9$, $-X^3S(O)NR^8R^8$, $-X^3NR^8R^9$, $-X^3NR^8R^8$, $-X^3S(O)_2NR^8R^8$, $-X^3S(O)_2R^8$, $-X^3S(O)_2R^9$, $-X^3SNR^8R^8$, $-X^3ONR^8R^8$, $-X^3C(O)R^8$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)R^8$, $-X^3NR^8S(O)_2R^8$, $-X^3S(O)_2NR^8R^9$, $X^3NR^8S(O)_2R^9$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)R^9$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)NR^8R^9$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)NR^8R^8$, $=NOR^8$, $-X^3NR^8OR^8$, $-X^3NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}NR^8R^8$, $-X^3C(O)NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}NR^8R^8$, $-X^3C(O)NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}R^9$, $-X^3C(O)NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}OR^9$, $-X^3O(CH_2)_{1-4}NR^8R^8$, $-X^3C(O)NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}OR^8$ and $X^3NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}R^9$, when L is $-O-$ or $-NR^5$,
the aryl portion of $C_{6-10}aryl-C_{0-4}alkyl$ is substituted with 1 to 3 radicals independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxy- $C_{1-6}alkyl$, phenyl, $C_{3-8}heterocycloalkyl$, $-X^3C(O)NR^8R^8$, $-X^3C(O)NR^8R^9$, $-X^3C(O)R^9$, $-X^3S(O)NR^8R^8$, $-X^3NR^8R^9$, $-X^3S(O)_2NR^8R^8$, $-X^3S(O)_2R^9$, $-X^3SNR^8R^8$, $-X^3ONR^8R^8$, $-X^3C(O)R^8$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)R^8$, $-X^3NR^8S(O)_2R^8$, $-X^3S(O)_2NR^8R^9$, $X^3NR^8S(O)_2R^9$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)R^9$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)NR^8R^9$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)NR^8R^8$, $=NOR^8$, $-X^3NR^8OR^8$, $-X^3NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}NR^8R^8$, $-X^3C(O)NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}NR^8R^8$, $-X^3C(O)NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}R^9$, $-X^3C(O)NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}OR^9$, $-X^3O(CH_2)_{1-4}NR^8R^8$, $-X^3C(O)NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}OR^8$ and $X^3NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}R^9$;
wherein X^3 is a bond or $C_{1-4}alkylene$;

wherein phenyl can be further substituted by a radical selected from $-NR^8R^8$ or $-C(O)NR^8R^8$; R^8 is hydrogen, $C_{1-6}alkyl$, hydroxy- $C_{1-6}alkyl$ or $C_{2-6}alkenyl$; and R^9 is hydroxy, $C_{6-10}aryl-C_{0-4}alkyl$, $C_{6-10}aryl-C_{0-4}alkyloxy$, $C_{5-10}heteroaryl-C_{0-4}alkyl$, $C_{3-8}heterocycloalkyl-C_{0-4}alkyl$ or $C_{3-8}cycloalkyl$; wherein said aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl or alkyl of R^9 is further optionally substituted by up to 2 radicals selected from the group consisting of halo, hydroxy, cyano, amino, nitro, $C_{1-4}alkyl$, hydroxy- $C_{1-6}alkyl$, halo-substituted $C_{1-4}alkyl$, $C_{1-4}alkoxy$, halo-substituted $C_{1-4}alkoxy$, halo-alkyl-substituted-phenyl, benzoxy, $C_{5-9}heteroaryl$, $C_{3-8}heterocycloalkyl$, $-C(O)NR^8R^8$, $-S(O)_2NR^8R^8$, $-NR^8R^8$, $-C(O)R^{10}$ and $-NR^{11}R^{11}$, wherein R^{10} is $C_{5-6}heteroaryl$ and R^{11} is hydroxy- $C_{1-4}alkyl$; and

(iv) $-X^3NR^8R^8$, wherein R^8 is hydroxy- C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{2-6} alkenyl;

i) when X^1 is $-N=$ and X^2 is $-CR^4$

R^1 is selected from the group consisting of $-X^3NR^6R^7$ and $-X^3OR^7$ wherein X^3 is C_{1-4} alkylene, R^6 is hydrogen and R^7 is selected from the group consisting of C_{6-10} aryl and C_{5-6} heteroaryl; wherein the aryl or heteroaryl is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 radicals independently selected from the group consisting of halo, amino, C_{1-4} alkyl, halo-substituted C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy and halo-substituted C_{1-4} alkoxy and R^2 is hydrogen, amino, alkoxy, haloalkoxy;

ii) when X^1 is $-CR^4$, X^2 is $-N=$

R^1 is selected from the group consisting of $-X^3NR^6R^7$ and $-X^3C_{6-10}aryl$, wherein X^3 is a bond or C_{1-4} alkylene, R^6 is hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl and R^7 is selected from the group consisting of C_{6-10} aryl and C_{5-6} heteroaryl; wherein the aryl or heteroaryl is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 radicals independently selected from the group consisting of halo, amino, C_{1-4} alkyl, halo-substituted C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy and halo-substituted C_{1-4} alkoxy, wherein the aryl moiety of R^1 is substituted with 1 to 3 radicals independently selected from the group consisting of amino, halo-substituted C_{1-4} alkyl and halo-substituted C_{1-4} alkoxy and R^2 is hydrogen, amino, alkoxy, haloalkoxy.

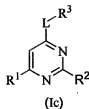
2 (Canceled).

3 (Canceled).

4 (Canceled).

5 (Canceled).

6 (Currently amended): The compound of claim 1 of Formula Ic:



in which

L is a bond, -NH-, -N(C₂H₅)- or -O-;

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of -NHR⁷ and phenyl, wherein R⁷ is phenyl substituted with 1 to 3 radicals independently selected from the group consisting of amino, halo-substituted C₁₋₄alkyl and halo-substituted C₁₋₄alkoxy or pyridinyl, optionally substituted with 1 to 3 radicals independently selected from the group consisting of halo, amino, C₁₋₄alkyl, halo-substituted C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy and halo-substituted C₁₋₄alkoxy;

R² is hydrogen; and

R³ is selected from the group consisting of: (i) C₃₋₈heterocycloalkyl-C₀₋₄alkyl selected from the group consisting of morpholino, morpholino-methyl, morpholino-ethyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, 4-oxo-piperidin-1-yl and 1,4-dioxo-8-aza-spiro[4.5]dec-8-yl, and (ii) C₅₋₁₀heteroaryl-C₀₋₄alkyl and (iii) C₆₋₁₀aryl-C₀₋₄alkyl, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 radicals selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, halo and amino; the heteroaryl or heterocycloalkyl is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 radicals independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxy-C₁₋₆alkyl, phenyl, C₃₋₈heterocycloalkyl, -X³C(O)NR⁸R⁸, -X³C(O)NR⁸R⁹, -X³C(O)R⁹, -X³S(O)NR⁸R⁸, -X³NR⁸R⁹, -X³NR⁸R⁸, -X³S(O)₂NR⁸R⁸, -X³S(O)₂R⁸, -X³S(O)₂R⁹, -X³SNR⁸R⁸, -X³ONR⁸R⁸, -X³C(O)R⁸, -X³NR⁸C(O)R⁸, -X³NR⁸S(O)₂R⁸, -X³S(O)₂NR⁸R⁹, X³NR⁸S(O)₂R⁹, -X³NR⁸C(O)R⁹, -X³NR⁸C(O)NR⁸R⁸, -X³C(O)OR⁸, =NOR⁸, -X³NR⁸OR⁸, -X³NR⁸(CH₂)₁₋₄NR⁸R⁸, -X³C(O)NR⁸(CH₂)₁₋₄NR⁸R⁸, -X³C(O)NR⁸(CH₂)₁₋₄R⁹, -X³C(O)NR⁸(CH₂)₁₋₄OR⁹, -X³O(CH₂)₁₋₄NR⁸R⁸, -X³C(O)NR⁸(CH₂)₁₋₄OR⁸ and X³NR⁸(CH₂)₁₋₄R⁹; and the aryl is substituted with 1 to 3 radicals independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxy-C₁₋₆alkyl, phenyl, C₃₋₈heterocycloalkyl, -X³C(O)NR⁸R⁸, -X³C(O)NR⁸R⁹, -X³C(O)R⁹, -X³S(O)NR⁸R⁸, -X³NR⁸R⁹, -X³NR⁸R⁸, -X³S(O)₂NR⁸R⁸, -X³S(O)₂R⁸, -X³S(O)₂R⁹, -X³SNR⁸R⁸, -X³ONR⁸R⁸, -X³C(O)R⁸, -X³NR⁸C(O)R⁸, -X³NR⁸S(O)₂R⁸, -X³S(O)₂NR⁸R⁹, X³NR⁸S(O)₂R⁹,

$-X^3NR^8C(O)R^9$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)NR^8R^9$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)NR^8R^8$, $=NOR^8$, $-X^3NR^8OR^8$,
 $-X^3NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}NR^8R^8$, $-X^3C(O)NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}NR^8R^8$, $-X^3C(O)NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}R^9$,
 $-X^3C(O)NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}OR^9$, $-X^3O(CH_2)_{1-4}NR^8R^8$, $-X^3C(O)NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}OR^8$ and $X^3NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}R^9$,
when L is -O- or $-NR^5$, the ary is substituted with 1 to 3 radicals independently selected from
the group consisting of hydroxy- C_{1-6} alkyl, phenyl, C_{3-8} heterocycloalkyl, $-X^3C(O)NR^8R^8$,
 $-X^3C(O)NR^8R^9$, $-X^3C(O)R^9$, $-X^3S(O)NR^8R^8$, $-X^3NR^8R^9$, $-X^3S(O)_2NR^8R^8$, $-X^3S(O)_2R^9$,
 $-X^3SNR^8R^8$, $-X^3ONR^8R^8$, $-X^3C(O)R^8$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)R^8$, $-X^3NR^8S(O)_2R^8$, $-X^3S(O)_2NR^8R^9$,
 $X^3NR^8S(O)_2R^9$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)R^9$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)NR^8R^9$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)NR^8R^8$, $=NOR^8$, $-X^3NR^8OR^8$,
 $-X^3NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}NR^8R^8$, $-X^3C(O)NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}NR^8R^8$, $-X^3C(O)NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}R^9$,
 $-X^3C(O)NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}OR^9$, $-X^3O(CH_2)_{1-4}NR^8R^8$, $-X^3C(O)NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}OR^8$ and $X^3NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}R^9$,
wherein X^3 is a bond or C_{1-4} alkylene;

wherein phenyl can be further substituted by a radical selected from $-NR^8R^8$ or
 $-C(O)NR^8R^8$; R^8 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxy- C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{2-6} alkenyl; and R^9 is hydroxy,
 C_{6-10} aryl- C_{0-4} alkyl, C_{6-10} aryl- C_{0-4} alkyloxy, C_{5-10} heteroaryl- C_{0-4} alkyl,
 C_{3-8} heterocycloalkyl- C_{0-4} alkyl or C_{3-8} cycloalkyl; wherein said aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl,
heterocycloalkyl or alkyl of R^9 is further optionally substituted by up to 2 radicals selected from
the group consisting of halo, hydroxy, cyano, amino, nitro, C_{1-4} alkyl, hydroxy- C_{1-6} alkyl,
halo-substituted C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, halo-substituted C_{1-4} alkoxy, halo-alkyl-substituted-phenyl,
benzoyl, C_{5-9} heteroaryl, C_{3-8} heterocycloalkyl, $-C(O)NR^8R^8$, $-S(O)_2NR^8R^8$, $-NR^8R^8$, $-C(O)R^{10}$
and $-NR^{11}R^{11}$, wherein R^{10} is C_{5-6} heteroaryl and R^{11} is hydroxy- C_{1-4} alkyl.

7 (Currently amended): The compound of claim 6 in which
L is a bond; and

R^3 is selected from the group consisting of C_{3-8} heterocycloalkyl- C_{0-4} alkyl selected
from the group consisting of morpholino, morpholino-methyl, morpholino-ethyl, pyrrolidinyl,
piperazinyl, piperidinyl, 4-oxo-piperidin-1-yl and 1,4-dioxo-8-aza-spiro[4.5]dec-8-yl, and (ii)
 C_{5-10} heteroaryl- C_{0-4} alkyl, wherein the aryl, heteroaryl or heterocycloalkyl is optionally
substituted with 1 to 3 radicals independently selected from the group consisting of halo, nitro,
 C_{1-4} alkyl, hydroxy- C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, C_{3-8} heterocycloalkyl, $-X^3C(O)NR^8R^8$,

$-X^3C(O)NR^8R^9$, $-X^3NR^8R^9$, $-X^3NR^8R^8$, $-X^3S(O)_2NR^8R^8$, $-X^3S(O)_2R^8$, $-X^3S(O)_2R^9$, $-X^3C(O)R^8$,
 $-X^3NR^8C(O)R^8$, $-X^3NR^8S(O)_2R^8$, $-X^3S(O)_2NR^8R^9$, $-X^3NR^8S(O)_2R^9$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)R^9$,
 $-X^3NR^8C(O)NR^8R^9$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)NR^8R^8$, $-X^3C(O)OR^8$, $=NOR^8$, $-X^3NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}NR^8R^8$,
 $-X^3C(O)NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}NR^8R^8$ and $-X^3O(CH_2)_{1-4}NR^8R^8$; or (iii) C_{6-10} aryl- C_{0-4} alkyl, wherein the aryl
is substituted with 1-3 radicals independently selected from the group consisting of
hydroxy- C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-8} heterocycloalkyl, $-X^3C(O)NR^8R^8$, $-X^3C(O)NR^8R^9$, $-X^3NR^8R^9$, $-X^3NR^8R^8$,
 $-X^3S(O)_2NR^8R^8$, $-X^3S(O)_2R^8$, $-X^3S(O)_2R^9$, $-X^3C(O)R^8$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)R^8$, $-X^3NR^8S(O)_2R^8$,
 $-X^3S(O)_2NR^8R^9$, $-X^3NR^8S(O)_2R^9$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)R^9$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)NR^8R^9$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)NR^8R^8$,
 $=NOR^8$, $-X^3NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}NR^8R^8$, $-X^3C(O)NR^8(CH_2)_{1-4}NR^8R^8$ and $-X^3O(CH_2)_{1-4}NR^8R^8$; R^8 is
hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl or hydroxy- C_{1-6} alkyl; R^9 is C_{6-10} aryl- C_{0-4} alkyl, C_{6-10} aryl- C_{0-4} alkoxy,
 C_{5-10} heteroaryl- C_{0-4} alkyl, C_{3-8} heterocycloalkyl- C_{0-4} alkyl or C_{3-8} cycloalkyl; wherein said aryl,
heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl or alkyl of R^9 is further optionally substituted by up to 2
radicals selected from the group consisting of halo, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, C_{1-4} alkyl,
hydroxy- C_{1-6} alkyl, halo-substituted C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, halo-alkyl-substituted-phenyl,
benzoxo, C_{5-9} heteroaryl, C_{3-8} heterocycloalkyl, $-C(O)NR^8R^8$, $-S(O)_2NR^8R^8$, $-NR^8R^8$ and
 $-C(O)R^{10}$, wherein R^{10} is C_{5-6} heteroaryl.

8 (Currently amended): The compound of claim 7 in which R^3 is selected from
the group consisting of morpholino, 1,4-dioxo-8-aza-spiro[4.5]dec-8-yl, 4-oxo-piperidin-1-yl,
piperazinyl, pyrrolidinyl, pyridinyl, naphthyl, thiophenyl, benzofuran-2-yl, benzo[1,3]dioxolyl,
piperidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl and 1H-benzoimidazolyl; ~~wherein the~~
~~aryl, heteroaryl or heterocycloalkyl~~ each of which is optionally substituted with 1 to 2 radicals
independently selected from the group consisting of chloro, methyl, ethyl, hydroxymethyl,
methoxy, $-C(O)OH$, $-C(O)H$, $-C(O)OCH_3$, $-C(O)N(C_2H_5)_2$, $-C(O)N(CH_3)_2$, $-C(O)NHCH_3$,
 $-S(O)_2NH_2$, $-S(O)_2CH_3$, chloro, $-NH_2$, $-C(O)CH_3$, $=NOCH_3$, $-NH(CH_2)_2N(CH_3)_2$,
 $-NH(CH_2)_3NH_2$, $-NH(CH_2)_2OH$, $-C(O)NH(CH_2)_2N(CH_3)_2$, $-NHR^9$, $-O(CH_2)_2N(CH_3)_2$,
morpholino, piperazinyl, $-NHC(O)CH_3$, $-NHC(O)NHC_4H_9$, $-C(O)NHC_4H_9$, $-C(O)NHC_3H_7$,
 $-C(O)NHC_5H_{10}OH$, $-C(O)N(C_2H_4OH)_2$, $-C(O)NHC_2H_4OH$, $-C(O)NH(CH_2)_2OH$, $-NHC(O)R^9$,
 $-C(O)NHR^9$, $-NHC(O)NHR^9$, $-C(O)R^9$, $-NHS(O)_2C_4H_9$, $-NHS(O)_2CH_3$, $-NHS(O)_2R^9$, $-S(O)_2R^9$,

$-S(O)_2NHR^9$, $-C(O)NH_2$ and $-C(O)NH(CH_2)_2N(CH_3)_2$; or phenyl substituted with 1 to 2 radicals independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxymethyl, $-C(O)OH$, $-C(O)H$, $-C(O)N(C_2H_5)_2$, $-C(O)N(CH_3)_2$, $-C(O)NHCH_3$, $-S(O)_2NH_2$, $-S(O)_2CH_3$, $-NH_2$, $-C(O)CH_3$, $=NOCH_3$, $-NH(CH_2)_2N(CH_3)_2$, $-NH(CH_2)_3NH_2$, $-NH(CH_2)_2OH$, $-C(O)NH(CH_2)_2N(CH_3)_2$, $-NHR^9$, $-O(CH_2)_2N(CH_3)_2$, morpholino, piperazinyl, $-NHC(O)CH_3$, $-NHC(O)NHC_4H_9$, $-C(O)NHC_4H_9$, $-C(O)NHC_3H_7$, $-C(O)NHC_5H_{10}OH$, $-C(O)N(C_2H_4OH)_2$, $-C(O)NHC_2H_4OH$, $-C(O)NH(CH_2)_2OH$, $-NHC(O)R^9$, $-C(O)NHR^9$, $-NHC(O)NHR^9$, $-C(O)R^9$, $-NHS(O)_2C_4H_9$, $-NHS(O)_2CH_3$, $-NHS(O)_2R^9$, $-S(O)_2R^9$, $-S(O)_2NHR^9$, $-C(O)NH_2$ and $-C(O)NH(CH_2)_2N(CH_3)_2$; R^9 is phenethyl, 2-phenoxy-ethyl, 1H-imidazolyl-propyl, pyridinyl, pyridinyl-methyl, quinolinyl, morpholino, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydro-furan-2-ylmethyl, furan-2-ylmethyl, thiazol-2-ylmethyl, benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-ylmethyl, benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl, 3-(2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-propyl, 3-imidazol-1-yl-propyl, 3H-pyrazol-3-yl, morpholino-ethyl, phenyl, thiophenyl-methyl, benzyl, cyclohexyl or furan-2-ylmethyl; wherein said aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl or alkyl moiety of R^9 is further optionally substituted by up to 2 radicals selected from hydroxy-methyl, hydroxy-ethyl, isobutyl, nitro, amino, hydroxyl, methoxy, trifluoromethoxy, cyano, isopropyl, methyl, ethyl, chloro, fluoro, pyridinyl, morpholino, phenoxy, pyrrolidinyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl-substituted-phenyl, $-N(CH_3)_2$, $-C(O)NH_2$, $-S(O)_2NH_2$, $-C(O)N(CH_3)_2$, cyano or $-C(O)R^{10}$, and R^{10} is furanyl.

9 (Currently amended): The compound of claim 6 in which

L is $-NH-$, $-N(C_2H_5)-$ or $-O-$; and

R^3 is C_{5-10} heteroaryl- C_{0-4} alkyl, wherein the aryl or heteroaryl is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 radicals independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4} alkoxy, C_{3-8} heterocycloalkyl, $-X^3C(O)NR^8R^8$, $-X^3S(O)_2NR^8R^8$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)R^8$ and $-X^3NR^8C(O)NR^8R^9$; or C_{6-10} aryl- C_{0-4} alkyl, wherein the aryl portion is substituted with 1 to 3 radicals independently selected from the group consisting of C_{3-8} heterocycloalkyl, $-X^3C(O)NR^8R^8$, $-X^3S(O)_2NR^8R^8$, $-X^3NR^8C(O)R^8$ and $-X^3NR^8C(O)NR^8R^9$; R^8 is hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl; and R^9 is C_{6-10} aryl- C_{0-4} alkyl optionally substituted by up to 2 halo-substituted C_{1-4} alkyl radicals.

10 (Currently amended): The compound of claim 9 in which R³ is selected from the group consisting of quinolinyl, and pyridinyl, ~~wherein the aryl or heteroaryl~~ each of which is optionally substituted with 1 to 2 radicals independently selected from the group consisting of morpholino, methoxy, -C(O)NH₂, -NHC(O)NHR⁹ and -S(O)₂NH₂; or phenyl substituted with 1 to 2 radicals independently selected from the group consisting of morpholino, -C(O)NH₂, -NHC(O)NHR⁹ and -S(O)₂NH₂; and R⁹ is phenyl substituted by trifluoromethyl.

11 (Previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

12 (Previously presented): A method of treating a subject suffering from leukemia, said method comprising administering to the subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of claim 1, wherein said compound of claim 1 inhibits Bcr-abl.

13 (Canceled)

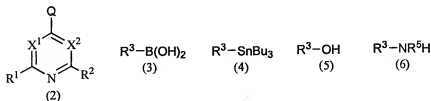
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17 (Previously presented): A process for preparing a compound of claim 1, said process comprising:

(a) reacting a compound of Formula 2 with a compound of Formula 3, 4, 5 or 6 in the presence of a catalyst or a base:



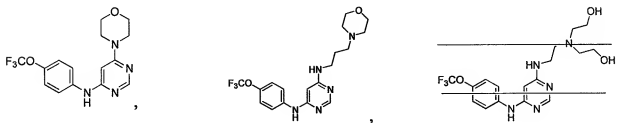
in which X^1 , X^2 , R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^5 are as defined for Formula 1 above with the proviso that R^2 is not halo, halo-substituted C_{1-4} alkyl or halo-substituted C_{1-4} alkoxy when said step (a) comprises reacting a compound of Formula 2 with a compound of Formula 3 or 4 and Q represents a fluoro, chloro, bromo or iodo; or

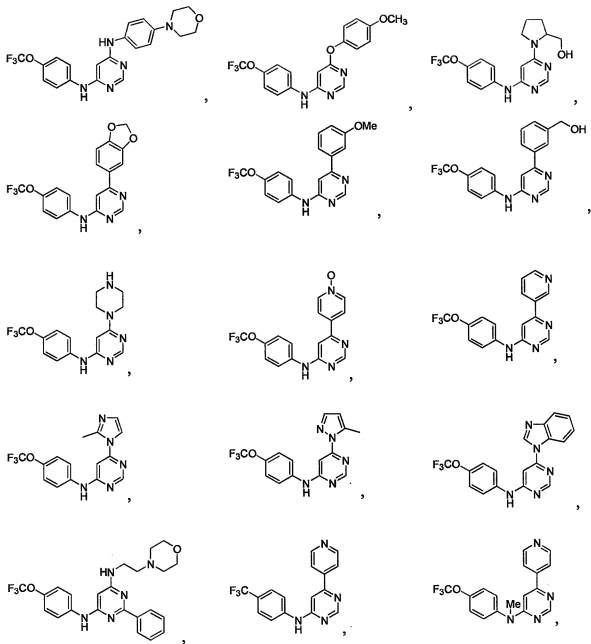
- (b) optionally converting a compound of the invention into a pharmaceutically acceptable salt;
- (c) optionally converting a salt form of a compound of the invention to a non-salt form;
- (d) optionally converting an unoxidized form of a compound of the invention into a pharmaceutically acceptable N-oxide;
- (e) optionally converting an N-oxide form of a compound of the invention to its unoxidized form; and
- (f) optionally resolving an individual isomer of a compound of the invention from a mixture of isomers.

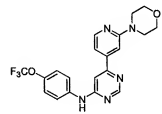
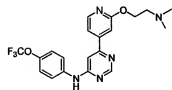
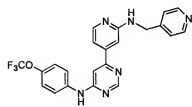
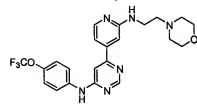
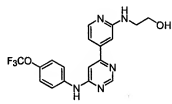
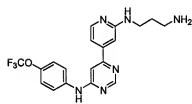
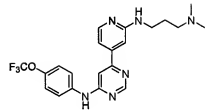
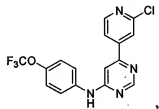
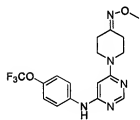
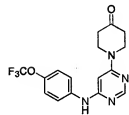
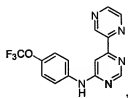
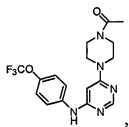
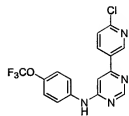
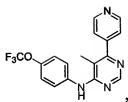
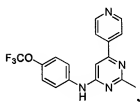
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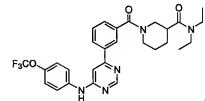
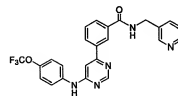
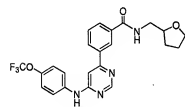
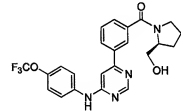
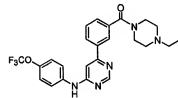
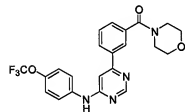
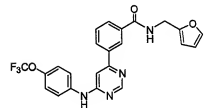
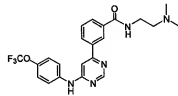
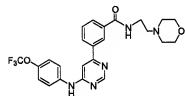
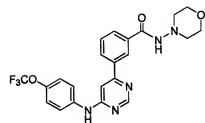
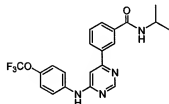
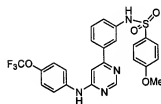
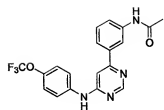
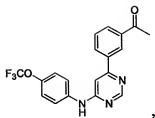
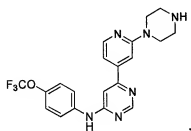
19 (Previously presented): The method of claim 12, wherein the leukemia is selected from chronic myeloid leukemia and acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

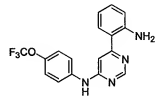
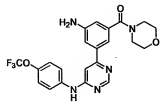
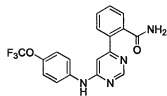
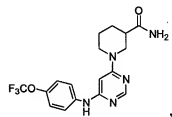
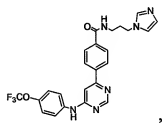
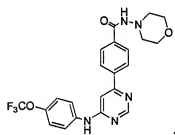
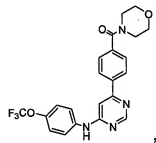
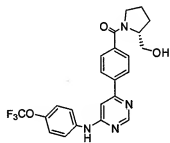
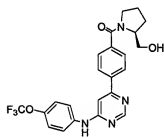
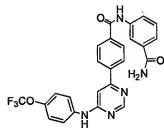
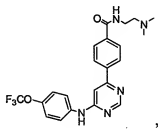
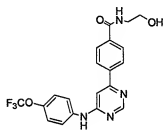
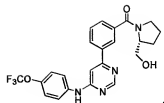
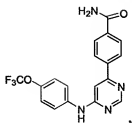
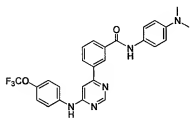
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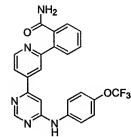
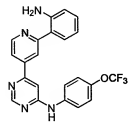
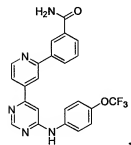
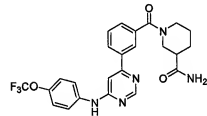
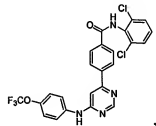
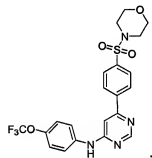
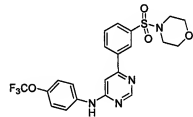
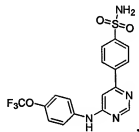
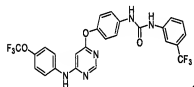
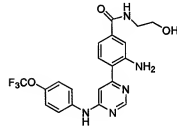
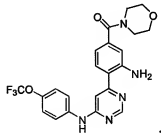
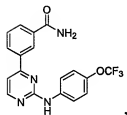
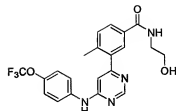
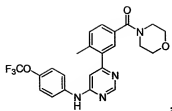
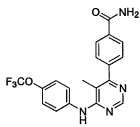


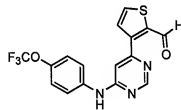
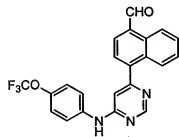
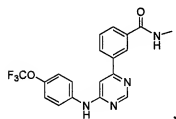
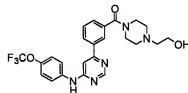
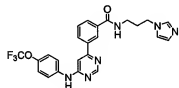
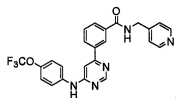
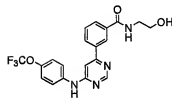
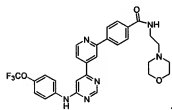
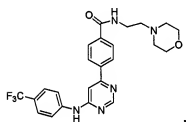
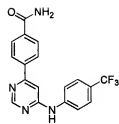
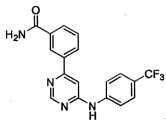
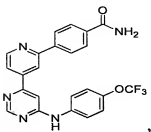


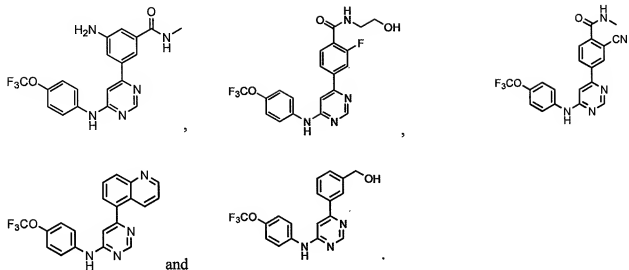












21. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of claim 20 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.